

Our New York Letter.

Editors Progressive Farmer:

I believe I expressed the belief in this correspondence some time ago that there was every prospect of peace in the labor world for some time to come. But here we are up against it again with a big lockout on the one hand and a strike on the other, with from 50,000 to 80,000 in the first and "enough" in the latter. Well, these things are simply steps in the slow and painful evolution of the race. A thing cannot be settled till it is settled right, and if it be necessary that these troubles come, so be it. To a layman it would seem as if "organized labor" were on trial and in too many cases was making a bad showing.

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As a result of the meat strike, prices of beef and other meats at the retail shops will advance two cents every time the wholesalers put it up one cent. The "dear public" pays the bill and the strikers form a large part of the public. If they win they pay more for food. Meantime the farmer gets not a particle of advance upon the price of his live stock and all he can do is to look on. Luckily, he has enough to eat. It is "us poor devils" who are not farmers nor members of the unions who are between the upper and the lower mill-stones and who have to pay the shot, whoever loses or wins. Letters just received from farmers in Michigan tell me that there is absolutely not a bit of profit in selling cattle for beef at prices which have long prevailed. The trust have simply put down the prices when buying and up when selling, and so it will be until something happens—I hardly know what.

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Your readers will have read all about the Subway Tavern in the daily papers. This concern is doing a good business and has some devoted friends among temperance men. It is simply an effort to make the saloon respectable. It does, however, give one something of a shock to think of its being opened by Bishop Potter with a prayer and thus seeming to give churchly sanction to what is regarded by millions as the devil's own work. The New York Sun thinks that the whole tone of the saloons throughout the city is much better than a few years ago. It says it is not longer an influence in politics, and argues that such a thing as the Bishop's venture is not at all needed. Well, anything that will promote temperance is welcome, and if the Subway Tavern will turn a confirmed drunkard even to a "temperate" drinker, it will be well.

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The fact that "dollar wheat" is spoken of in Chicago is not receiving any great attention. Well-informed authorities think there is not the least likelihood of any material advance to the farmer. The only way he can get a better price is to have a larger export demand.

It has been a great season for packers of peas and the amount put up

in New York State may break all records. The supply of the very choicest sorts is not so abundant, but aside from these the output is enormous, and in many cases load after load has been wasted as the canneries could not take care of the stock. The crop of sweet corn, too, promises to be large, and the quality is all that could be desired. We are having too much rain to benefit the crops, and in many places whole fields have been turned into swamps. The excessive moisture has also caused blight in many fields, and at this writing (August 10th) a packer on Staten Island says that 50 per cent of the acreage in tomatoes there is suffering from blight. Other sections however—Maryland and Delaware—report a good crop and the amount to be canned will doubtless be sufficient to meet all demands.

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A representative of the leading fruit-growing paper in California is here and states that the growers there have troubles of their own. They have a big lot of raisins and prunes left over which do not improve with age, and with a big crop about due, now the situation is very much in favor of the man who wants to buy. Prices of both raisins and prunes have gone down to a point that would seem to eliminate all profit to the growers, and the end is not yet. The association of growers has gone to pieces and seems to be deeply in debt, and it is hard to tell what the future has in store.

R. A. D.

New York City, Aug. 18, 1904.

The true solution of the prosperity question is not in the full dinner-pail alone, but also in the intellectual and moral development of the voters, that they may vote intelligently for those measures that are essential to the spiritual as well as physical good of all people. When all men come to apprehend and practice the Golden Rule as taught by Christ, all war, crime and bloodshed will soon cease from the earth. —A. E. Wade, Urbana, Ill.

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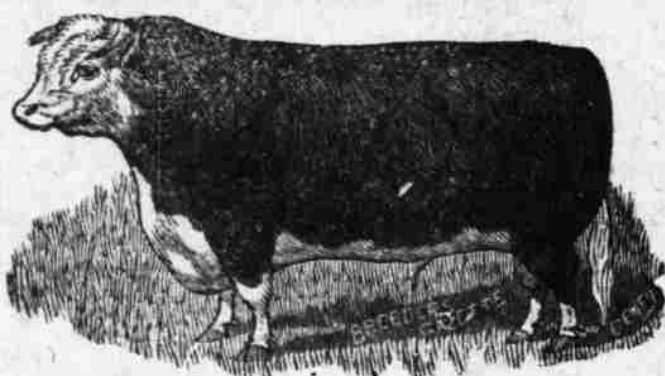
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